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RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees involved with added Claims and the like to Deposit Account No. 19-0033.

In response to Office Action dated December 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 3, 2003.

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